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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/820,270	Applicant(s) LINNANE ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael Brown	Art Unit 3772	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 5, 14-16 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collyer (EP '113).

Collyer discloses in figures 1-10 a wound dressing for post-operative site requiring drainage comprising a thin film 3, with an adhesive (page 3, lines 23-25), applied to one surface thereof, an absorbent layer 1 positioned on the adhesive surface (fig. 1, page 3, lines 23-25) of the thin film, the dressing having an aperture (figs. 9-10) and is slit (figs. 9-10), from the aperture to an outer edge of the dressing (fig. 10), the dressing is circular or elliptical (lines 32-35) in shape, radial cuts (extend from the aperture in the dressing but not to an outside edge of the dressing (fig. 10), the film is a polyurethane film (col. 3, line 20), the film is an expandable polyurethane foam (abstract, lines 4-6) laminated to polyurethane foam 3, the film 3, extends beyond the absorbent layer (fig. 8) for securing the dressing to the skin, the absorbent layer is the wound contacting layer (the absorbent layer contacts the wound), an adhesive (page 6, lines 19-20) that overlies the absorbent layer and the adhesive layer is apertured (the aperture in figs. 9-10) passes through the adhesive layer that overlies the absorbent layer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 17-18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collyer.

Collyer discloses in figures 1-10 a wound dressing, substantially, as claimed. However, Collyer doesn't disclose the slits being in a curved path from the aperture to an outside edge of the dressing. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made that the straight slits disclosed by Collyer could be changed to a curved path because the shape of the slits isn't critical. Also the shape of the slits being curved versus straight doesn't provide any novelty over the prior art. The absorbent layer not extending to the slit, the edge of the slit being free from the absorbent layer and being coated with an adhesive is an arrangement of the structural elements disclosed by Collyer that doesn't provide any novelty over the prior art. The second adhesive layer can be used as a wound contacting layer.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collyer in view of Stickels '575.

Collyer discloses in figures 1-10 a wound dressing, substantially as claimed. However, Collyer doesn't disclose the absorbent material being transparent. Stickels teaches a wound dressing comprising an absorbent material that is transparent to allow

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for visual inspection of the wound (col. 11, pages 1-20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that invention was made that the absorbent layer disclosed by Collyer could be fabricated transparent as taught by Stickels in order to allow the medical attendant to see the wound through the absorbent layer.

Claims 7-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collyer in view of Jacques.

Collyer discloses in figures 1-10 a wound dressing, substantially as claimed. However, Collyer doesn't disclose the absorbent layer being fibrous, the absorbent layer including gel forming fibers or the absorbent layer being a carboxymethylated (fibers) fabric. Jacques teaches a wound dressing comprising an absorbent layer that is fibrous (col. 2, lines 45-48), has gel fibers (col. 2, lines 46-48) and carboxymethylated fibers (col. 2, line 61-63). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made that the absorbent layer disclosed by Collyer could be made of a fibrous material, the gel material and carboxymethylated fibers as taught by Jacques. The fibrous material, the gel fibers and the carboxymethylated fibers can be used to absorb exudates coming from a wound. The carboxymethylated cellulose fabric having a degree of substitution of cellulose groups measured by IR spectroscopy in the range of 0.12 to 0.45 is a design choice. Jacques, also teaches in col. 2, line 65 alginate fibers.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collyer in view of Lindsay.

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Collyer discloses in figures 1-10 a wound dressing, substantially as claimed. However, Collyer doesn't disclose dressing being made from lyocell. Lindsay teaches in col. 12, lines 43-45 a wound dressing having lyocell therein. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made that the wound dressing disclosed by Collyer could be fabricated of lyocell because it an absorbent material that would absorb exudates.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collyer in view of Cartmell.

Collyer discloses in figures 1-10 a wound dressing, substantially as claimed. However, Collyer doesn't disclose the thin film being transparent. Carmell teaches in figure 1 a wound dressing comprising a film 14 that is transparent. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made that the film disclosed by Collyer could be fabricated transparent as taught by Carmell in order to allow the medical attendant to see through the dressing to observe the wound doing the healing process.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. No additional prior art was cited in this office action.

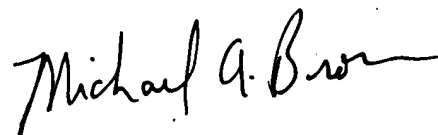
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brown whose telephone number is 571-272-4972. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco can be reached on 571-272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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M. Brown
February 1, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER